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PLAN FOR COLLECTION, COMPILATION AND RELEASE BY THE  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
OF COMMERCIAL STOCKS OF GRAIN IN STORE IN CERTAIN MARKETS.



The United States commercial grain stocks to be collected, compiled and released by the United States Department of Agriculture shall consist of the stocks of wheat, corn, oats, rye, barley and flax in certain designated markets of the United States in the following positions:

1. In all public elevators or warehouses.
2. In all private elevators or warehouses whose owners or operators are engaged in handling or storing grain in inter-state commerce, except
  - a. When the storage capacity of such elevator or warehouse is less than 25,000 bushels.
  - b. When stocks are for local merchandising only.
  - c. When stocks are exclusively for local consumption by mills, crushers, or malt houses and are not expected to be offered again as grain in the markets.
3. All stocks afloat in boats or barges in lake, river, canal or seaboard ports of the United States which have not been cleared for export or for shipment to another port.
4. Canadian grain in bond in United States ports or markets.
5. American grain in bond in Canadian ports or markets.





MARKETS TO BE INCLUDED IN REPORT

Portland, Maine	Milwaukee	St. Joseph
Boston	Pittsburgh	St. Louis
New York	Cincinnati	Peoria
Philadelphia	Indianapolis	Omaha (Fremont & Mo. Valley)
Baltimore	Louisville	Sioux City
Norfolk	Cairo	Des Moines
Buffalo	Nashville	Ogden - (Salt Lake City)
Erie & Fairport	Memphis	Denver
Toledo	New Orleans	Los Angeles
Detroit	Galveston	San Francisco (Oakland & Port Costa)
Manitowoc	Fort Worth	Takoma
Chicago	Oklahoma City	Seattle
Duluth-Superior	Hutchinson	Portland & Astoria
Minneapolis	Wichita	Spokane
	Kansas City	

COLLECTION, COMPILATION, AND RELEASE OF REPORTS

The United States commercial stocks figures as defined shall be collected from the markets cooperating as follows:

The stocks to be reported shall be those in the positions named at the close of business Friday, or in the event that the elevators or warehouses are operating longer than a twelve hour schedule the cutoff shall be made as of midnight Friday.

The Secretary or other designated officer of the commercial exchange or other local agency charged with the collection of such market statistics shall be responsible for obtaining and forwarding complete reports each week. The total amounts of the various grains in store shall be forwarded by letter or wire to the United States Department of Agriculture at Washington, D. C. as soon as compiled, or so as to reach the Department no later than 10.00 A. M. Central Standard Time on Monday following the cutoff date.





The Department shall tabulate these totals in such groups of markets as seems to the best interest of all interested agencies and in such manner as shall not disclose individual or private stocks and shall prepare a summary of these statistics and release same to the press and forward by wire to the principal markets at 12 o'clock noon Eastern Standard Time or as soon thereafter as possible each Monday.

When reports are sent by wire they shall be confirmed by written statements showing in more detail the classes of the grain in the stocks reported and the location of the stocks in the market. These shall be forwarded immediately by mail to the Department at Washington on forms to be furnished by the Department.

In the event that because of wire trouble or other unavoidable delay stocks from certain markets are not available at the time of release the release shall state which markets are missing and in addition shall give the total figures compiled for the markets reporting which give comparable figures for the previous week. Any corrections made in a report by reason of the written confirmations differing from the wire reports shall be noted and reported the following week.



The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the heat. It was a sticky, oppressive heat that seemed to wrap around me like a heavy blanket. I had heard that the weather in this part of the country was terrible, but I didn't realize how intense it would be. The sun was a merciless ball of fire in the sky, and the air shimmered with heat waves. I took a deep breath, trying to acclimate myself to the environment. The humidity was a constant presence, clinging to my skin and making it difficult to breathe. I had come here for a business deal, and I knew I would need to be at my best. The heat was a challenge, but I was determined to overcome it. I walked towards the building, my steps heavy with the weight of the day. The architecture was a mix of old and new, with ornate facades and modern glass structures. I found the office I was looking for and knocked on the door. A woman in a professional suit opened the door and welcomed me inside. She led me to a conference room where a man was waiting. He was a middle-aged man with a friendly smile, and he greeted me warmly. We sat down at a large conference table, and he began to explain the details of the deal. The meeting went smoothly, and we agreed on the terms. As I stood up to leave, the man handed me a small envelope. I opened it and found a check for the amount I had agreed upon. I thanked him and left the office. The heat was still there, but I felt a sense of accomplishment. I had successfully completed my mission in the heart of the summer.